

volunteers standing watch on the Arctic frontier;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, on behalf of the people of Alaska, respectfully requests and memorializes the United States Department of Defense to replace the destroyed National Guard

Armory at Barrow, Alaska, with a large structure of a size sufficient to carry out its functions as principal headquarters for the Alaska Scouts.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1959.

Passed by the House February 21, 1959.

### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

**To the Honorable Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General of the United States; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Senator from the State of Washington; the Honorable Richard L. Neuberger, Senator from the State of Oregon; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from the State of Alaska; and the Honorable Samuel G. Schwartz, Regional Operations Director for the United States Post Office Department:**

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska, in First Regular Session Assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the surface mail contract between the points of Seward and Nikolski will expire on June 30, 1959; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent from copies of correspondence and petitions exam-

ined by the appropriate committees of the Legislature that the inhabitants served along the Seward Nikolski mail route desire improved service; and

WHEREAS, the correspondence on hand would indicate that the present contract may be extended without benefit of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, competitive bidding for such mail service contracts has proven to be in the best public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled respectfully urges that the contract for the transportation of surface mail between the points of Seward and Nikolski be opened to competitive bidding at an early date.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the Senate February 14, 1959.

Passed by the House February 19, 1959.

### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 4

**To the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States and to each and every member of the Congress of the United States:**

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

Throughout the history of Alaska as a Territory, since 1867, the fisheries have constituted Alaska's most valuable resource. During this period more than eleven and one half billion (11,500,000,000) pounds of salmon constituting protein food of superlative quality have

been shipped from Alaska to the rest of the nation and to the world;

But, unfortunately, most of the income from these salmon fisheries, amounting to over two billion (\$2,000,000,000) dollars on the wholesale markets, has passed to interstate outside Alaska, and the salmon harvests of Alaska have fallen from their sustained optimum levels of 6,000,000 cases average and 8,000,000 cases maximum, from 1926 to 1944, to less than 2,500,000 cases in more recent years;

During this same period, inadequate,